

Royal Botanic Gardens Kew

Inspiring futures



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Tell us about your job

Seed Conservation Projects Officer.

Why is science important in your career?

Through science we can understand how plants live and interact with each other and with other organisms, and through science we can find the solutions to many issues that plants are currently facing and that threaten their survival.

What is your average work day like?

No typical day! When I am in the UK, I go to my office and sit in front of a computer planning projects or analysing data. When I travel overseas I go collecting seeds in the wild, deliver training in seed conservation and work with local scientists.

Did you go to university? If so, what did you study? If not, what did you do after leaving school?

I studied Natural Science, and a Masters degree, at the University of Pisa, Italy.

What do you most enjoy about your job?

I love our mission. What we do helps nature to survive in this time of challenges, as well as supporting very motivated people in other countries to protect their environment despite their sometimes limited resources.

What sort of personality traits do you have that help you in your career?

Positivity, sociability, enthusiasm, determination, curiosity, adaptability, open-mindedness, love for our planet.

What helped you get your role at Kew?

It was an internship during university that gave me the possibility to start working at the Millennium Seed Bank, learning about seeds and getting to know the teams. After my graduation I applied for a job and I was successful!!

What advice would you give to someone considering a career like yours?

If you have a passion for protecting nature, if you want to dedicate your time to learn about the incredible world of plants, if your motivation and sensitivity to these topics are greater than any desire of personal wealth and success, then go for it!!

What do you want people to know about your work?

My work at Kew is...exciting... dynamic....and....fulfilling!!!

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